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MEMORANDUM FOR :

Subject : Meeting with Vance re CIRIS

1. I met with Jim Vance on 24 April regarding DCI/DOD study efforts on CIRIS to be initiated prior to Vance's trip with Admiral Bowen (the trip commences 14 May).

2. I outlined our mutual objectives as follows:

a. To identify DCI and DOD requirements to which a management information system must be responsive.

b. To structure these requirements into one system to the extent possible.

c. To examine systems input and output methodology.

3. I also noted the problem of OMB and some or all Program Manager representatives attending. Vance rejected OMB participation. (I agree with him in principle and hope we can eliminate them in fact.)

4. As to Program Manager participation, Vance suggested we precede our examination of requirements and a system to respond thereto with a series of informational briefings by the Program Managers and ASD(c). To this end, he proposed the following sequence of events:

a. Briefings by ASD(c) re FYDP data, and by NSA, NRO, DIA and CIA on their internal management information systems and capabilities. He also suggests a briefing by on the present CIRIS.

b. Identification of the DCI-DOD requirements for management information.

c. Identify what requirements can be satisfied from existing data bases and internal management

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information systems, and what requirements cannot be satisfied. Identify what special data calls will be necessary to fulfill latter.

d. Decide on systems to be utilized or other appropriate means of satisfying requirements.

5. Given the foregoing format of meetings, he is prepared to devote all necessary time in an attempt to reach decisions before departing on his trip.

6. He also suggested we give consideration to utilizing an impartial outside consultant familiar with management information systems. He suggests this be an acknowledged expert with no contract - seeking ^{involvement} nature. His candidate was Mr. Hal Davis of North American Rockwell. (I know Mr. Davis and agree that he fits the stated criteria. He currently holds multiple intelligence clearances.)

7. Jim and I agreed that I would check out these points and let him know. Therefore: (a) I will "scope the problem" along the lines of Paragraph 4 above and plan on DCI participation by J.J. Hitchcock and perhaps a representative from Jack Thomas. (Vance and Lindenauer and/or Lichtenberg will participate for ASD(I).) (b) I will not plan on OMB participation. (c) I will plan on Program Managers and ASD(c) being asked to give briefings but not to serve as members of the Group, and (d) I will look further into desirability and use of a consultant, specifically to include Mr. Davis.

8. Request your concurrence in paragraph 7 actions.


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